

To reduce the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, India started the COVID-19 vaccination programme on 16th January 2021 targeting 30 crore beneficiaries based on priority groups identified by NEGVAC, MOHFW, Government of India.

Q: Who all will be the eligible beneficiaries for current phase of COVID 19 vaccination?

1. All Health Care Workers and Frontline Workers as specified by the MoHFW
2. All citizens that are aged, or will attain the age of 60 years or more as on 1st January 2022
3. All such citizens that are aged, or will attain the age of, 45 years to 59 years as on 1st January 2022, and have any of the specified comorbidities

Q: Who will provide certificate for comorbid conditions for the beneficiary (age 45 to 59 years)?

Beneficiary will get comorbid certificate from “Registered Medical Practitioner” (Government + Private). Comorbid certificate can be downloaded from NHM Website Meghalaya (<https://nrhmmeghalaya.nic.in>)

Q: Where can I get my vaccination?

Government COVID Vaccination Center (GCVC) and Private COVID Vaccination Center (PCVC). Vaccination at the Government COVID Vaccination Centers would be free of cost and the Private COVID Vaccination Centers would be charged

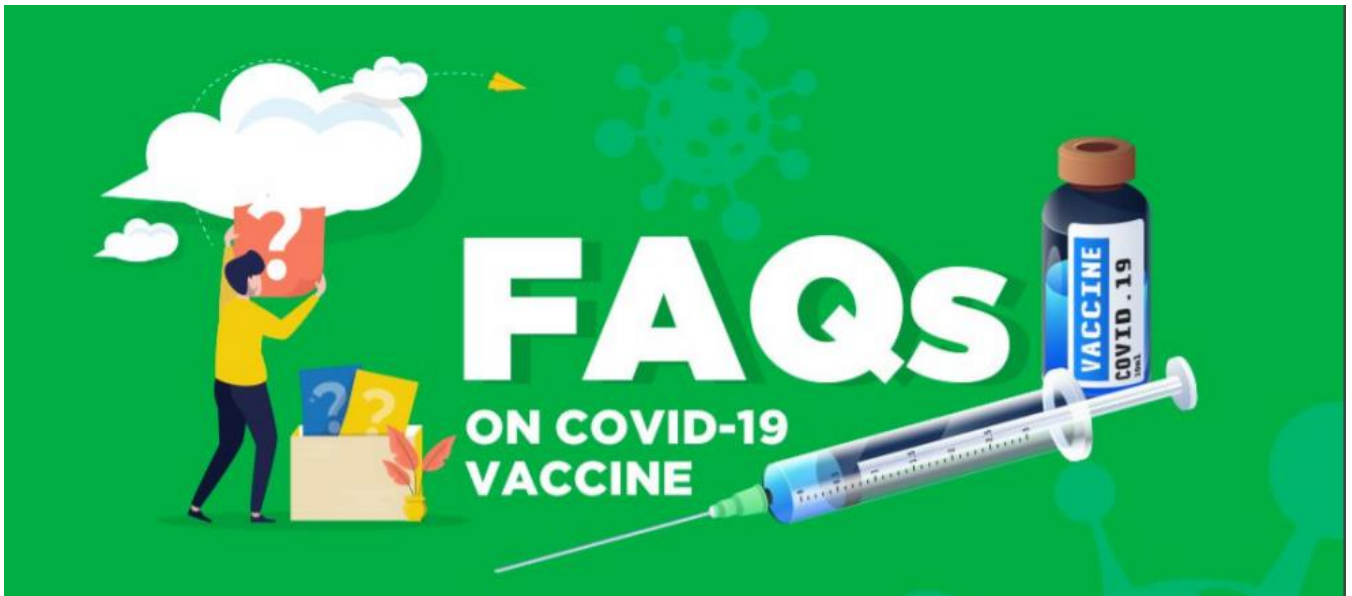
Q: What are the facilities covered under Government COVID Vaccination Center (GCVC) ?

These include all Government Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, Sub-District Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Primary Health Centers and Sub-Health Center. Government Health Facilities also include Central Institutions, Health Facilities of other Ministries such as Railways, ESIC, Home etc. and all CGHS Dispensaries.

Q: What are the facilities covered under Private COVID Vaccination Center (PCVC)?

Private Health facilities empaneled either under the Pradhanmantri Jan Aarogaya Yojana (PMJAY) or under the CGHS or under Meghalaya Health Insurance Schemes (MHIS).



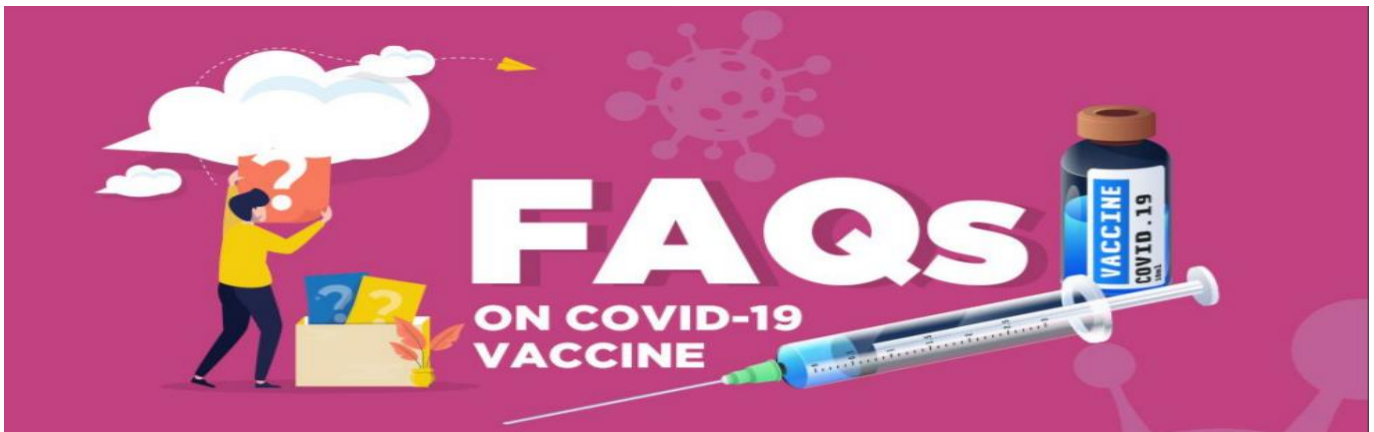


Q: What are the comorbid conditions to be covered under COVID 19 vaccination ?

Following list specifies the Comorbidities, for determination of eligibility of citizens in age group 45 to 59 years for COVID 19 vaccination.

SN	Criteria's for Comorbid Condition
1	Heart Failure with hospital admission in past one year
2	Post Cardiac Transplant/Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD)
3	Significant Left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVEF <40%)
4	Moderate or Severe Valvular Heart Disease
5	Congenital heart disease with severe PAH or Idiopathic PAH
6	Coronary Artery Disease with past CABG/PTCA/MI AND Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment
7	Angina AND Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment
8	CT/MRI documented stroke AND Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment
9	Pulmonary artery hypertension AND Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment
10	Diabetes (> 10 years OR with complications) AND Hypertension on treatment
11	Kidney/ Liver/ Hematopoietic stem cell transplant: Recipient/On wait-list
12	End Stage Kidney Disease on haemodialysis/ CAPD
13	Current prolonged use of oral corticosteroids/ immunosuppressant medications
14	Decompensated cirrhosis
15	Severe respiratory disease with hospitalizations in last two years/FEV1 <50%
16	Lymphoma/ Leukaemia/ Myeloma
17	Diagnosis of any solid cancer on or after 1st July 2020 OR currently on any cancer therapy
18	Sickle Cell Disease/ Bone marrow failure/ Aplastic Anemia/ Thalassemia Major
19	Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases/ HIV infection
20	Persons with disabilities due to Intellectual disabilities/ Muscular Dystrophy/ Acid attack with involvement of respiratory system/ Persons with disabilities having high support needs/ Multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness





Q: How should I get register myself for COVID 19 vaccination?

1. Advance Self Registration (Online Registration and Appointment):

Registration and appointment will be available to citizens through the **COWIN Portal** or through other Government IT Applications such as Arogya Setu etc.

- Any person will be able to register at the COWIN portal through their mobile number.
- OTP verification will be done prior to registration to ensure veracity of the mobile number
- After registration, an account will be created on COWIN for the beneficiary which can access (login) his/her account on COWIN, using the mobile phone number used at the time of registration.
- With one mobile number, a person can register as many as **four beneficiaries**. The ID Card Number for each such beneficiary **must** be different.
- Only when a person gets vaccinated, the record is locked and cannot be edited/deleted.
- Beneficiary then selects the ID card type and provides ID Card number, Name, Date of Birth & Gender. In case Aadhar is being used, **consent will be obtained and recorded**.
- Following Photo Identity Documents can be used by citizens for availing online registration (Aadhar Card, Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC), Passport, Driving License, PAN Card, NPR Smart Card, Pension Document with photograph).
- If age of the beneficiary is from 45 years to 59 years, the beneficiary will be prompted to confirm if he/she has any specified comorbidity. In such cases, the beneficiary will also be advised to bring the comorbidity certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner, as prescribed above.
- Once all the necessary details are recorded by the beneficiary & vaccination registration is completed than an acknowledgement (Registration Slip/Token) will be sent to beneficiary on his registered mobile number.

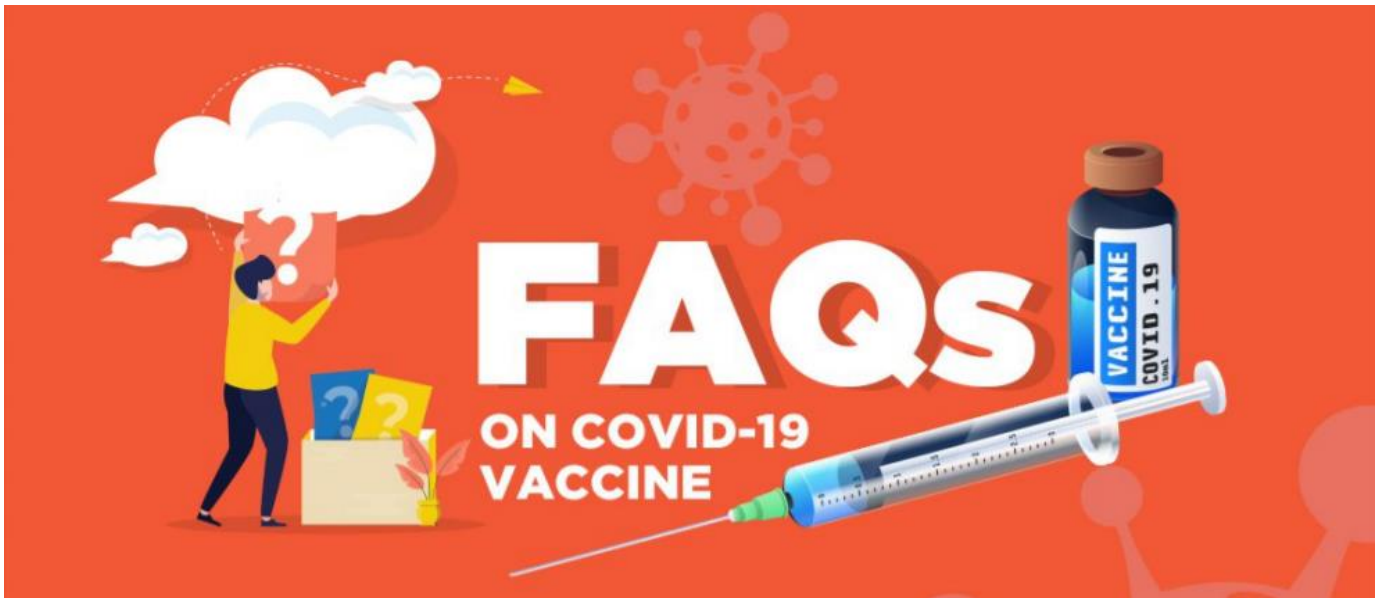
2. On Site Registration: (Walk in registration)

On-site registration of eligible beneficiaries will be available at all vaccination centers to avoid overcrowding of willing bwnwfwciaries respective vaccination need to have proper plsnnng system (Example token system) places at GVCV & PCVC.

3. Facilitated Cohort Registration (Mobilization of Beneficiaries):

Pre-planned identified COVID Vaccination Center (CVC) for some sessions at a CVCs where onsite registration of beneficiaries will be available and beneficiary will be mobilized based on planning for vaccination.





All beneficiaries, regardless of the mode of access, i.e. through online registration or mobilization through on-site registration, must be advised to carry the following for verification at the time of vaccination (Aadhar Card, Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC), Passport, Driving License, PAN Card, NPR Smart Card, Pension Document with photograph). **“Registration is free”** which can be done by **COWIN 2.0 App** available at Play store.

Q: What are charges for vaccination?

Vaccination at Government COVID Vaccination Center (GCVC) will be **“Free of Charge”**.

Vaccination at Private COVID Vaccination Center (PCVC) is chargeable: Rs 250/ dose / person, total Rs 500 / 2 doses / person.

Q: How many doses of the vaccine would have to be taken by me and at what interval?

Two doses of vaccine, 28 days apart, need to be taken by an individual to complete the vaccination schedule.

Q: When I will be getting the second doze of vaccine?

After 28 days of first vaccination doze.

Q: How many people can be registered on one mobile number?

Four family members can be registered to one mobile number

Q: Is it necessary for a COVID recovered person to take the vaccine?

Yes, it is advisable to receive complete schedule of COVID vaccine irrespective of past history of infection with COVID-19. This will help in developing a strong immune response against the disease.





Q: Will vaccinated beneficiaries receive information on the status of their vaccination after completion?

Yes. On getting due dose of COVID 19 vaccine, the beneficiary will receive SMS on their registered mobile number. After all doses of vaccine are administered, a QR code based certificate will also be sent to the registered mobile number of the beneficiary.

Q: If one is taking medicines for illnesses like Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension etc, can s/he take the COVID19 vaccine?

Yes. Persons with one or more of these comorbid conditions are considered high risk category. They need to get COVID -19 vaccination.

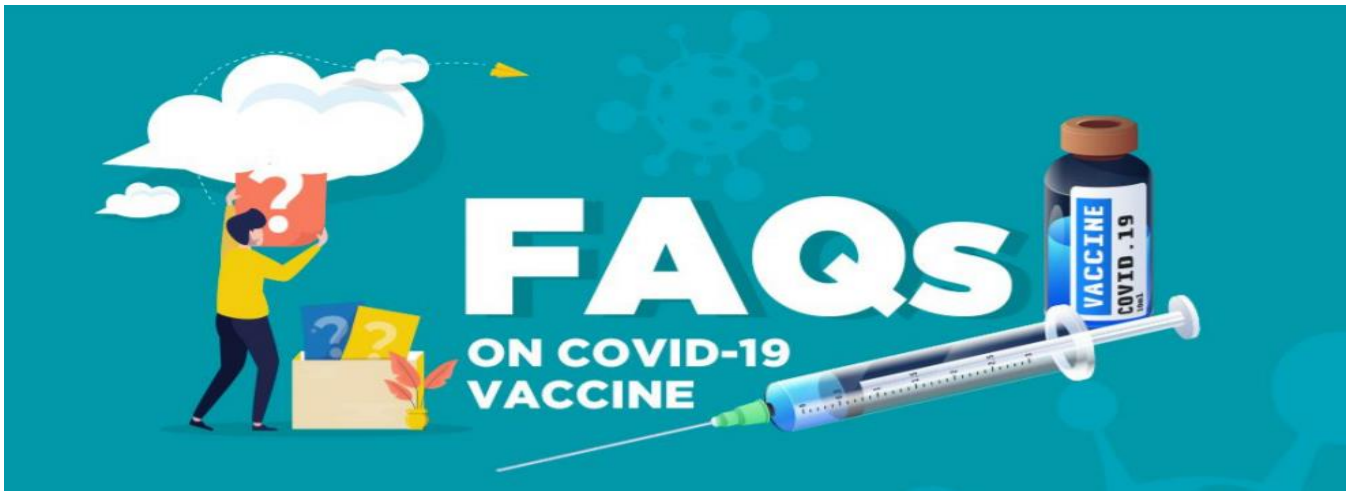
Q: Are there any preventive measures and precautions that one needs to follow at the session site?

We request you to rest at the vaccination centre for at least half an hour after taking the COVID-19 vaccine. Inform the nearest health authorities / ANM / ASHA in case you feel any discomfort or uneasiness subsequently. Remember to continue following key COVID Appropriate Behaviours like wearing of mask, maintaining hand sensitization

Q: What about the possible side-effects from COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID Vaccine will be introduced only when the safety is proven. As is true for other vaccines, the common side effects in some individuals could be mild fever, pain, etc. at the site of injection





Q: Does one need to follow the COVID Appropriate Behaviour after receiving the COVID 19 vaccine?

Even after receiving the COVID 19 vaccine, we must continue taking all precautions as such:

Use of face cover or masks.

Hand Sanitization

Maintain Social Distancing (6 feet / Do Gaj ki doori)

Q: When this phase of vaccination will start?

From 1st March 2021 this vaccination phase will be started in the state of Meghalaya.

Q: How to register myself online?

Registration process is free. You can register yourself through online website (www.cowin.gov.in) or COWIN 2.0 App, available at play store or walk-in / on spot registration.

Q: What are Contraindications & provisional contraindication for COVID 19 vaccination?

A) Person with the history of :

- Anaphylactic or allergic reaction to previous dose of COVID 19 vaccine.
- Immediate or delayed onset anaphylaxis or allergic reaction to vaccines or injectable therapies, pharmaceutical products, food items etc.

B) Pregnancy & lactation:

- Women who are pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy and lactating women should not receive COVID 19 vaccine at this time.

C) Provisional /Temporary Contraindications: in these conditions COVID 19 vaccination is to be deferred for 4 to 8 weeks after recovery.

- Person having active symptoms of SARS – COV – 2 infection.
- SARS COV – 2 patient who have been given anti – SARS – COV – 2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma.
- Acute unwell & hospitalized patients due to any illness.

